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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of October 7, 2003, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 7, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

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